**New Code of Conduct for Medical Practitioners**

†22. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to frame a new code of conduct for medical practitioners;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when, it is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and in what manner Government propose to improve the quality of medical treatment?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Regulations on Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics for medical practitioners are being finalised by the Central Government in consultation with other concerned Departments.

**Anthrax cases in the Country**

23. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Anthrax cases in several parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the number of persons affected by Anthrax reported in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have chalked out any scheme to tackle spread of Anthrax cases in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) Natural anthrax is endemic in some parts of the country.

†Original notice of the question was received to Hindi.